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**PART III**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL  
(PCS Branch)

**NOTIFICATION**

The 17th September, 2019

**No. G. S. R.32/Const./Art.309/Amd.(4)/2019.**— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Punjab State Civil Services (Appointment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules, 2009, namely : -

**RULES**

1. (1) These rules may be called the Punjab State Civil Services (Appointment by Combined Competitive Examination) (First Amendment) Rules, 2019.
- (2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Punjab State Civil Services (Appointment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules, 2009, for rule 5, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“5. Number of attempts at the examination. - Unless covered by any of the exceptions notified by the Government in this behalf from time to time, the candidate belonging to the categories specified below, subject, however, to the provisions of rule 7, may avail the following number of attempts as specified in the Table given below, at the examination, namely:-

**TABLE**

Serial No.	Name of category	Maximum number of attempts
1	2	3
1	General Category	Six
2	Backward Classes	Nine
3	Scheduled Castes	Unlimited

EXPLANATION. - For the purpose of this rule, an attempt in an examination includes an attempt made by the candidate in the preliminary examination conducted under these rules.”.

3. In the said rules, after rule 10, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-
- “10 (A). (1) After completion of the examination process, the Commission shall send a list of the successful candidates to the Government, in such manner as may be specified by the Government.
- (2) (a) A candidate shall be allocated the Service through the process of counselling, keeping in view the choice given by the candidate in this regard, to the Commission.
- (b) In case, a candidate has not opted for a Service for which advertisement was given by the Commission for filling such post or Service, he shall be deemed to have forgone his right for appointment to that Service, and such Service shall not be allocated to such candidate:
- Provided that this provision shall not be applicable in the case of Punjab Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination, 2018, or any other previous examination in respect of which allocation shall be made in accordance with Part III-K of the Regulations and instructions governing the work of the Commission.
- (3) After a candidate is allocated the Service, such candidate shall be given an offer of appointment to that Service by such officer as has duly been authorised by the Appointing Authority, which the candidate has to accept or reject, during the counselling session held for the purpose.
- (4) If a candidate, who has been offered appointment to a Service, expresses his unwillingness to accept the offer of appointment so made or fails to give his acceptance during the counselling session, in that case such post (which had been offered to the candidate), shall be treated as vacant and shall be offered to the next eligible candidate, as per merit and preference.
- (5) If a candidate accepts the offer of appointment to a Service, he shall be eligible for appointment to such Service provided such candidate fulfils all other pre-conditions as specified in sub-rule (6) below, for entry into the Service.
- (6) The whole process of medical examination as specified under Chapter-III, rule 3 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume I, Part I, and verification of character and antecedents, shall ordinarily be completed within a period of one month, from the offer of appointment.

- (7) The candidate shall be issued an appointment letter by the competent authority of the concerned department, after completing required conditions as specified in sub-rule 5 above.
- (8) The candidate shall join the Service allocated to him, within such period, as specified in the appointment letter in this regard.
- (9) If the concerned Department, determines not to issue an appointment letter to any candidate, who has accepted the offer of appointment, on the ground that such candidate is medically unfit or adverse report of character and antecedents or for any other reason, in that case such post shall be carried forward to the next recruitment process, and no candidate from the current merit list shall be considered for appointment to such post.
- (10) If a candidate, who has been issued the letter of appointment, fails to join within the specified time (unless extended by the Appointing Authority under relevant rules or instructions, as the case may be), or expresses his unwillingness to join on such post, in that case such post (which had been offered to such candidate), shall be carried forward to the next recruitment process, and no candidate from the current merit list shall be considered for appointment to such post.
- (11) If a candidate joins a post and subsequently resigns or gives up that post, in that case such post, shall be treated as consumed.”.

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